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Kansas NRCS Announces National EQIP Initiatives for 2013

Three National Initiatives are being offered in Kansas through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). They are the On-Farm Energy, Organic, and Seasonal High Tunnels initiatives. The cutoff date to submit National EQIP initiative applications for fiscal year 2013 funding consideration is January, 18, 2013.

On-Farm Energy Initiative: Producers develop Agricultural Energy Management Plans or farm energy audits that assess energy consumption on an operation. NRCS may also provide assistance to implement various recommended measures identified in the energy audit through the use of conservation practice standards offered through this initiative.

Organic Initiative: Producers install conservation practices on agricultural operations related to organic production. Producers currently certified as organic, transitioning to organic, or National Organic Program exempt will have access to a broad set of conservation practices to assist in treating their resource concerns while fulfilling many of the requirements in an Organic System Plan.

Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative: Producers implement high tunnels that extend growing seasons for high value crops in an environmentally safe manner.

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